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It's KGB's Turn As Paris Paper Lists 2 as Agents

PARIS (UPI) — Two Soviet embassy officials today became the first Russians to be publicly named as intelligence agents since the worldwide scramble to unmask CIA operatives began last year.

The left-wing magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur* identified Ivan Petrovitch Kisliak as "the resident" agent in France of the KGB — the Soviet counterpart of the CIA.

It also identified Nicolai Evdokimov as a leading member of the Paris branch of GRU, the intelligence-gathering arm of the Soviet Army general staff.

"FOR ONCE the shoe's on the other foot," said one Western diplomat.

Some 100 Americans around the world have been named as CIA agents by various publications. One of them, Richard Welch, was gunned down outside his home last month after the Athens News identified him as the CIA station chief in Greece.

"It's damn nice somebody's putting this thing in perspective," said a Western diplomatic source of the French weekly's identification of the Soviets.

Contacted by telephone, Evdokimov would only say: "I haven't read the article. Thank you for your attention. Goodnight."

Kisliak was not available for comment.

The left-wing newspaper *Liberation* last week named 44 Americans who it said have served or are serving in France as CIA agents. Another French magazine, *Le Point*, said Soviet intelligence agents in Paris outnumber their American counterparts by 10 to 1.

THE MAGAZINE said that one of the rules of secret services is that 10 persons are required to do a good surveillance job on one opposing agent.

Le Point said the glut of allegations about CIA operatives has disrupted day-to-day running of the agency and made open targets of thinly disguised agents.

But undercover agents who don't work out of U.S. embassies have a host of secret identities that remain unaffected, *Le Point* said.